

1. (Currently amended) A fluid dynamic bearing motor comprising:

a base having a ^{closed end} ~~bottom surface~~ and an ^{upstanding section} ~~inward-facing cylindrical surface~~ ^{extending from} ~~perpendicular~~
^{closed end} ~~to the bottom surface~~, the ^{upstanding section} ~~cylindrical surface~~ and ^{closed end} ~~bottom surface~~ defining a
bore in the base;

a stationary liner in the bore, ~~the stationary liner~~ having a longitudinal wall and

further having a bottom that is contiguous with the longitudinal wall

extending radially inward from the ^{longitudinal} wall, the bottom defining a passage

through the stationary liner, ~~the liner positioned in contact with the~~ ^{closed end} ~~bottom~~

~~surface of the base and the~~ ^{upstanding section} ~~inward-facing cylindrical surface of the base;~~

a rotor assembly having a shaft that is rotatably supported within the liner;

a fluid dynamic bearing disposed between the shaft and the longitudinal wall;

a capillary seal between the shaft and the liner having a close mating relationship end
in fluid communication with the fluid dynamic bearing and an opposing
diverging mating relationship end defining an inlet reservoir; and

a channel outside the liner, ~~extending along the bottom and the longitudinal wall, the~~

~~channel~~ being recessed into the ^{closed end} ~~bottom surface~~ and ^{upstanding section} ~~inward-facing cylindrical~~

~~surface of the base and in fluid contact with an outer surface of the liner,~~

~~wherein the channel that operably fluidly communicates~~ ^{as means for} ~~recirculating fluid~~

from the fluid dynamic bearing via the passage to the inlet reservoir.